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The local and expanding wine-making industry has become a major economic engine in Los Angeles County. The industry also provides other tangible benefits to our unincorporated communities, such as promoting a rural agricultural lifestyle, maintaining open space, and attracting tourists.

On June 10, 2008, the Board of Supervisors adopted my motion to instruct the Director of Planning to evaluate current Los Angeles County Zoning Ordinance regulations pertaining to wineries. The Board also asked staff to formulate recommendations on how those regulations could be modified to facilitate small business development while maintaining the quality of life for nearby residents.

The Director of Planning submitted a report to the Board on August 25, 2008. The report recommends numerous modifications to Zoning Ordinance standards and procedures pertaining to wineries. These suggestions include new definitions for wineries and wine-tasting rooms, an elimination of sourcing requirements, an increase of production limits, and allowances for wine-tasting rooms and visitor-serving uses in commercial and agricultural zones subject to a Minor Conditional Use Permit. Staff's recommendations carefully balance the County's desire to support the economic development benefits of new wineries with provisions that will protect existing communities from any potentially adverse impacts. The report from the Director of Regional Planning is a thoughtful analysis that should form the basis of any changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Director of Planning to prepare an ordinance that modifies standards and procedures pertaining to wineries and to present it to the Regional Planning Commission for consideration in a public hearing within 90 days.

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